

**Questions on RFP for Adolescent Sex Offender Treatment Program
RFP # 325-05-12-073**

Approximately how many juveniles are you expecting in the residential program?
15-20

Regarding the property issue – is the offeror expected to purchase real estate and build/renovate the facility, or is there space available for use? Section 3.02 states that the Offeror will be expected to supply all property. Section 3.06 further states that the program is to be based at a location provided by the vendor within the State of North Dakota, and the State **will not** provide workspace for the contractor.

On page 15 it goes on about completing a cost report – which is based on historical figures. Since this is supposedly a new program, where are we to get “historical” figures from? Information from Provider Audit indicates that the **cost report is not needed at this time**. It may be requested at a future point in time.

Are there standardized definitions/criteria in North Dakota for high, moderate and low sex offenders? No.

In North Dakota, what standardized assessment tools are expected to be utilized in the assessment process? We are open to the options, and do not require specific tools at this time. Reference may be made to national standards for tools.

What criteria will be used for sex offenders as part of the CON process? Unknown and would depend on what level of care the youth was at or in need of.

How does this RFP align with the state’s strategic plan – in terms of both client numbers and Department philosophy? The North Dakota Department of Human Services’ mission is to provide quality, efficient and effective human services, which improve the lives of people. Thus, we are committed to serving kids as close to home as possible, in an economical and efficient manner.

Are dollars specifically allocated to the RFP? If so, how much? No.

The RFP talked about using rate setting standards for RTC and RCCF in different parts of the document – which rate setting standard would be used or can alternate funding models be proposed? RTC facilities will use RTC rates. RCCF facilities will use RCCF rates. In facilities that are both RTC and RCCF, a different rate may be used for each level of care.

How does the bidder build in costs of aftercare, recruitment of needed foster parents, specialized training, pre-placement reimbursement? Recruitment of foster parents is not a required part of this process. Other costs would be part of the rate, similar to any other child that is referred for assessment, treatment and follow-up. The rate would depend on the level of care. For example, youth being treated at a lower level of care may

be eligible for RCCF rates, while youth at a higher level of care may be eligible for RTC rates.

Once a child is taken off DJS or social services, is the successful bidder still paid for costs of care and after care (example of when a child ages out, or their court order expires, etc.)? If the youth is not in DJS or social services/foster care, the State MAY pay for costs of care if all appropriate requirements are met. The state may pay for costs for a youth age 18 or over, if there is an appropriate need for care, appropriate level of care, and youth signs himself in at 18. If a court order expires while the youth is under 18, the youth goes back to the home of removal.

Would we receive Department support for community based detention in case of crisis? The Department's focus is on providing services throughout the community. We encourage facilities to seek the support of other community services.

What types of services does the Department expect for follow up? What funding base would be used? Section 3.03 states that the program must provide follow-up services for six months following discharge of a resident. During the follow-up period, program staff will continue to provide counseling services, assist the youth towards meeting his/her goals, participate in the youth's Child and Family Team Meetings, and collaborate with other community and state agencies. It may include re-entry into care.

The funding base to be used may be a combination of foster care and DD funds.

How many adjudicated sex offenders have been referred to in-state and out-of-state treatment over the past five years, and does the Department have any projections for future use? Can these numbers be categorized by level of care? Currently we have about 16 placed out of state. Home on the Range and the Dakota Boys Ranch have the balance. We do not have any projections for the future.

Would it be seen as a conflict of interest for the provider to also be responsible for completing the initial assessment? We do not see this as a conflict of interest at this time. The RFP requests assessment, treatment and follow-up from one provider, or a collaboration of partners.